

## 4 Presentation of results

### Paper and pen test keys

Place the transparent overlay on the Answer Sheet and mark the test out of 40 or 60, as appropriate. Give one mark for each correct answer and no marks for an incorrect answer. You can then use Tables 1 and 2 on pages 9 and 10 to help you interpret the results.

### Paper and pen test Version 1 Key

Part 1		Part 2					
1 B	9 B	17 B	25 C	33 C	41 C	49 D	57 A
2 B	10 A	18 C	26 C	34 D	42 D	50 C	58 C
3 A	11 B	19 D	27 A	35 D	43 C	51 C	59 D
4 B	12 A	20 A	28 C	36 D	44 A	52 A	60 B
5 C	13 C	21 D	29 B	37 D	45 A	53 D	
6 B	14 D	22 A	30 C	38 B	46 B	54 B	
7 A	15 A	23 D	31 A	39 C	47 A	55 D	
8 C	16 A	24 D	32 A	40 C	48 B	56 D	

### Paper and pen test Version 2 Key

Part 1		Part 2					
1 C	9 C	17 A	25 A	33 C	41 B	49 D	57 C
2 B	10 B	18 B	26 A	34 C	42 A	50 D	58 B
3 A	11 C	19 C	27 D	35 D	43 D	51 C	59 A
4 C	12 A	20 B	28 A	36 B	44 D	52 C	60 D
5 C	13 B	21 C	29 C	37 C	45 D	53 B	
6 A	14 A	22 D	30 D	38 B	46 A	54 C	
7 A	15 C	23 B	31 B	39 C	47 C	55 D	
8 C	16 D	24 B	32 B	40 C	48 A	56 D	

## 5 Interpretation of results: both versions

Table 1 shows how to interpret the results of each version of the test in terms of the ALTE levels from 0 to 5, and so to compare computer-based scores against paper and pen scores. You can then use Table 2 to see how the ALTE Levels correspond to the Common European Framework levels, and the Cambridge ESOL Examinations.

5.1 Table 1 Look-up table for computer-based and paper and pen scores

ALTE Level	CEF Level	CEF Level Description	Paper and pen test score		Computer-based test score
			Part 1 Score out of 40	Parts 1 & 2 Score out of 60	
5	C2	Mastery (Upper Advanced)		55 – 60	80 – 100
4	C1	Effective Proficiency (Lower Advanced)	If a student scores 36 or more it is recommended they complete Part 2 of the test.	48 – 54	70 – 79
3	B2	Vantage (Upper Intermediate)	31 – 40	40 – 47	60 – 69
2	B1	Threshold (Lower Intermediate)	24 – 30	30 – 39	50 – 59
1	A2	Waystage (Elementary)	16 – 23	18 – 29	40 – 49
0.5	A1	Breakthrough	10 – 15	10 – 17	29 – 39
0		(Beginner)	0 – 9	0 – 9	0 – 28

## 5.2 Understanding the scores

### The paper and pen test

You will notice that Table 1 above has two columns for interpreting scores on the paper and pen tests. Column 4 shows the band scores for students taking Part 1, and therefore reports scores up to a maximum score of 40, covering ALTE Levels 0 to 3 (Beginner to Vantage). Column 5 shows the band scores for students taking both parts of a paper and pen test, and therefore reports scores to a maximum of 60, covering the range of ALTE levels from 0 to 5 (Beginner to Mastery).

If students do take the second part of the paper and pen test, they will get 20 more items which are incrementally more difficult than those in Part 1. These extra items have an impact on the band score thresholds because, for example, even someone who has achieved ALTE Level 1 on the 40-item version might be able to guess at least 2 of the extra 20 items. This is allowed for by a slightly different score table for the complete 60-item version of the tests, and helps to ensure that whether a student takes Part 1 only, or both Parts 1 and 2, he / she will be awarded the same band score.

### The computer-based test

Column 6 in Table 1 shows how the computer-based test scores relate to the ALTE and Common European Framework levels. The scores, which for this test are out of 100, work on a different principle to the paper and pen test, i.e. they do not represent the number of questions answered correctly, but represent a measure of ability on the ALTE / Common European Framework scales, according to the level of difficulty of the items within the test. So, for example, students can score up to 100, but they will only get around 25 items to answer.